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U-2 Pilot Is Emphatic Against Pre-Trial Visit

RICHMOND, July 5 (AP) — Attorneys for the wife of spy plane pilot Francis G. Powers said tonight Powers has been emphatic in letters to his family that they refrain from visiting him in Russia before his trial.

The attorneys, named by the Virginia State Bar Association to aid the imprisoned U-2 pilot, were unable to give definite reasons for Powers' comments. The attorneys and Barbara M. Powers, his wife, held a press conference to outline some of the work they have done in attempts to gain entry into Russia as attorneys for Powers.

Mrs. Powers said she has received a second letter from her husband, written on June 28. The attorneys said in the last letter Powers said he was being treated well, eating good food and is in good health.

When asked if there was

any indication the letter was censored, Mrs. Powers said:

"To me, I did not see any means of the letter being censored. There was nothing new in the second letter."

Because of the intimate character of the letters, she did not make them public. Powers' family, in Pound, Va., also has received two letters which, attorneys said, have been scrutinized carefully by psychiatrists.

John N. Hazard, a Columbia University professor of international law, is an expert on Russian law, speaks the language fluently and received his law degree at Moscow University. He has been retained to aid the three Virginia attorneys. He said:

"I think they would try to make the trial the fairest thing possible they could," he said, since the world will be closely watching its outcome. "I suspect if there is a trial, there will be a conviction," he said.



Barbara Powers, at left, prior to her arrival yesterday. The lawyers are, from left, John N. Hazard, Columbia, N.Y.; Parker, Franklin, Va.; and Frankle, Roanoke. The lawyers are from left, John N. Hazard, Columbia, N.Y.; Parker, Franklin, Va.; and Frankle, Roanoke. The lawyers are from left, John N. Hazard, Columbia, N.Y.; Parker, Franklin, Va.; and Frankle, Roanoke.

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